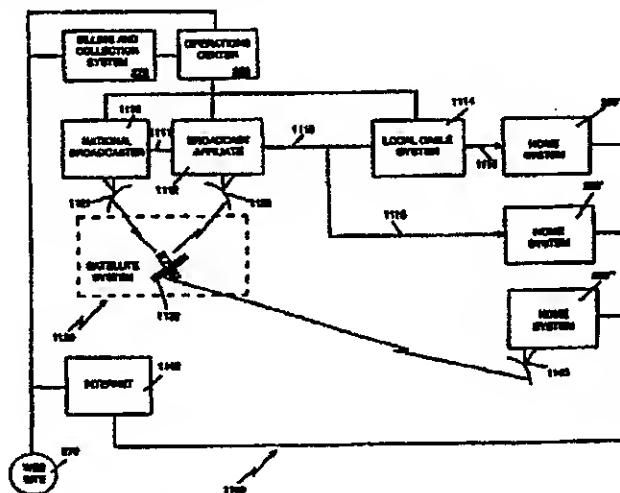




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(57) Abstract

The invention, an electronic book selection and delivery system (200), distributes text to subscribers (258). The system contains an operations center (250), a video distribution system (208) or a variety of alternative distribution systems, a home subsystem (258), and a billing and collection system. The operations center (250) and/or distribution points (1020) perform the functions of manipulation of text data, security and coding of text, cataloging of books, message center, and uplink functions. The home subsystem (258) connects to a video distribution system (208) or variety of alternative distribution systems, generates menus and stores text, and transacts through communicating mechanisms (611, 613, 617). A portable book-shaped viewing device (266) is used for viewing the text. The billing system (278) performs the transaction, management, authorization, collection and payments utilizing the telephone system (274) or a variety of alternative communication systems.

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